(b) if so, the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Power is an important infrastructure necessary for steady growth of industry and other economic activities in the country. To meet the increasing demand during 9th Plan, a total capacity addition of 40.245 MW with associated T&D network has been envisaged as per draft Ninth Plan document prepared by Planning Commission.

Besides planning a reliable power network, the power sector also has plans to establish communication network for its own use as well as for leasing out to other Government/private users. Dedicated Digital Optical Fiber and Microwave Network to be owned, operated and maintained by the Power Utilities is in the process of implementation by POWERGRID.

Purchase of Power from Pakistan

1826. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to buy power from Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether any agreement with Pakistan has been finalised in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there are any pre-conditions attached to the sale and if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter and what amount of foreign exchange India is required to pay to Pakistan on this account;

(f) whether the import of power from Pakistan would enable India to meet our domestic demand substantially; and

(g) if not, the steps contemplated to boost power generation within the country?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (f) The matter regarding purchase of power from Pakistan came up for discussions at the bilateral talks with Pakistan on Economic and Commercial Cooperation in New Delhi on 10.11.1998 when the Pakistani delegation expressed its willingness to receive a delegation from India for discussion on the issue of Power export by Pakistan. The Government of India accepted the invitation and a seven member technical team led by Special Secretary in the Ministry of Power visited Pakistan and held technical level discussions with Pakistan delegation on November, 25-26, 1998. It was agreed during the discussions that the next round of discussions would be held in New Delhi on mutually convenient dates for consideration and in-principle agreement in the power export possibility identified for the short term and subject to the conclusion of such agreement, commercial discussions would follow. No final decision has yet been taken.

(g) Necessary steps have also been taken to augment the generation capacity within the country to bridge the gap between demand and supply.

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

1827. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Highways in Andhra Pradesh have been converted into National Highways during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of these Highways as on 31st March, 1998 district-wise;

(c) whether such converted National Highways have been widened with bye-roads for smooth passege of road traffic;

(d) if so, the details in this regard, district-wise, and year-wise amount spent on each and by when this work would be completed;

(e) whether Government propose to convert more State-Highways into National Highways during the current financial as well as next two financial years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, district-wise, and the estimate amount to be spent on each year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One State Highway from Ankola in Karnataka to Goety in Andhra Pradesh was declared as National Highway No. 63 in February, 1998. It has a length of 62 Km. in Ananthapur district of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to convert the following State Roads into National Highways.

Sl. No.	Name of Road	Length in Km. in A.P.	District of A.P.
1.	Hyderabad-Warangel-Venkatpuram (connecting NH 16)	280	Hyderabad Warangal Khammam
2.	Vijayawada-Vuyyuru-Pamari Machilipatnam	50	Vijayawad & Krishna
3.	Ananthapur-Kadiri-Tirupati-Renigunta-Nageri (Tiruttani-Chennai)	360	Ananthapu & chittee

Amount to be spent on these National Highways cannot be earmarked before notification of these roads as National Highways.

पत्तनों के विकास के लिए व्यापक कार्यक्रम

1828. **श्री चिमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान मुम्बई, कांडला और अन्य प्रमुख पत्तनों का विकास करने हेतु व्यापक कार्यक्रमों को कार्यान्वित करने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजनावधि के दौरान मुम्बई, कांडला तथा अन्य प्रमुख पत्तनों पर किए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित विकासात्मक क्रिया-कलापों का विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इनमें से प्रत्येक परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत क्या है;

(घ) क्या इनमें से कुछ परियोजनाओं को निजी क्षेत्र के माध्यम से पूरा करने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० देवेन्द्र प्रधान): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) 9वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सार्वजिनक और गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र के 16000 करोड़ रु० के निवेश से मुम्बई और कांडला पत्तनों सहित विभिन्न महापत्तनों मे शुरू की जाने वाली प्रमुख परियोजनाओं की एक सूची विवरण में दी गई है **(नीचे देखिए)**

(घ) और (ङ) जी हां। इनमें से कुछ परियोजनाओं को गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र के लगभग 8000 करोड़ रु० के निवेश से निष्पादित करने का प्रस्ताव है।